

# Farmington News

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## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

This is the last of several lead articles about city services appearing in the Farmington Newsletter. We've presented facts and information about the many municipal services that most people rarely think about unless there is an interruption of service. The moniker "Making Life Better..." is appropriate because municipal services greatly enhance the quality of life for Farmington residents. Most of us in our travels have often heard the truism "you don't get something for nothing". That phrase fits the services provided by Farmington City. We hope citizens feel like they are getting "a bang for the buck" that they pay in taxes and/or fees to the city. How would residents react without paved roads, functioning drainage systems, clean drinking water, timely emergency response, safe parks and neighborhoods, recreational opportunities for our kids, trails to walk, jog or bike on, etc? Providing municipal services is no small chore. It takes a lot of effort and it costs a lot of money. We at Farmington City are proud



to be a part of the team that provides these services. Thanks to all of you who have read the articles and who have learned about the things we do. Should you have constructive suggestions or ideas on how we might improve on any of the city's services, please take a moment to share your thoughts through the city website at [farmington.utah.gov](http://farmington.utah.gov). The last area of service not previously covered is Administrative Services.

Administrative Services is the support team and glue that sort of holds things together. This team is comprised of the City Manager, Finance Director, City Recorder, Treasurer, Utility Billing Clerk, two clerical support personnel and the receptionist. Here is a summary of what we do:

- Process monthly utility bill statements and accounts [Utility Billing Clerk]

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## Planning Commission Positions Open

The Mayor and City Council are now accepting applications for Planning Commission members. Term of service is 4 years (January 2009 through December 2012).

The Planning Commission is a seven member board which meets twice a month to review, provide recommendations, and make decisions regarding planning and zoning issues which affect our community.

In order to promote representation from all sections of the city, citizens from the south and central areas are especially encouraged to apply; of course, all applicants will be considered.

For those applying for the Planning Commission, a letter of interest with qualifications should be received by 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2008. Address the letter to:

Mayor Scott Harbertson  
P.O. Box 160  
Farmington, Utah 84025

**As winter approaches,** please drop off blankets, coats and canned food at the fire station. Donations will be delivered to the homeless for the winter season.







Anne Martinez served faithfully for many years on the Farmington Trails Committee and was one of the charter members when the committee was formed ten years ago. She played a key part in developing a Master Trails Plan that is now over

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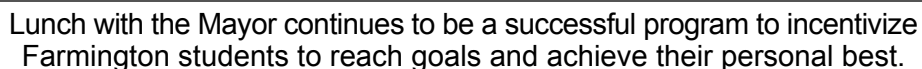
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- Pay accounts payable bills two to four times a month [*clerical support*]
- Maintain the city's accounting records on a daily basis [*Treasurer/Finance Director*]
- Balance and deposit daily cash receipts [*Treasurer*]
- Perform all of the records management responsibilities required by State law [*City Recorder*]
- Process written correspondence for Mayor, City Council and City Manager [*City Recorder*]
- Manage the human resource functions of the city [*City Recorder, Finance Director and City Manager*]
- Issue business licenses [*clerical support*]
- Manage and maintain the city's information technology [*Finance Director*]
- Perform and manage risk management functions and operations [*Finance Director and City Manager*]
- Respond to citizens' needs and questions [*everybody*]
- Perform frequent research, information gathering, evaluation and analysis on issues being considered by the Mayor and City Council at City Council meetings [*City Manager*]
- Provide supervision and oversight of all city departments and the delivery of all city services [*City Manager*]



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## November 2008

Nov 4	TUES	ELECTION DAY - PLEASE VOTE check the website for polling locations	
Nov 5	WED	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Nov 11	TUES	Veteran's Day City Offices Closed	
Nov 13	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Nov 18	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Nov 19	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
Nov 19-22		"Annie Jr" - Fall Youth Theatre Community Arts Center	
Nov 27	THURS	Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	
Nov 28	FRI	Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	
Dec 1	MON	Cori Connors' Christmas Concert Community Arts Center	7:30 pm

### WHAT AND WHERE AM I?

How well do you know the art and architecture - the physical structures that give our community its character? Test your powers of observation. Can you identify the location of the design element to the right? Check your accuracy with the answer on page 5.



### City Information

Scott Harbertson, Mayor  
scottharbo@msn.com

### City Council Members

Paula Alder  
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Rick Dutson  
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David S. Hale  
dave@hale.net  
Cory Ritz  
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Sid Young  
sidyoung1@msn.com

City Operations / City Manager  
Max Forbush  
mforbush@farmington.utah.gov

### City Phone Numbers

Main Number.....451-2383  
City Manager.....939-9203  
Police Department.....451-5453  
Fire Department .....451-2842  
Public Works Department..451-2624  
Storm Water Maintenance.451-2624  
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953  
Building Inspection.....451-2383  
Water Department.....451-2624  
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383  
Historical Museum.....451-4850  
Animal Control.....444-2200  
Garbage .....825-3800  
Benchland Water District...482-4929  
Weber Water District.....771-1677

### After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff .....451-4150  
Emergency .....911

### Farmington City Hall

130 North Main  
P O Box 160  
Farmington, Utah 84025





# PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 451-0953



## FALL YOUTH THEATRE

Annie Junior tells of a spunky depression-era orphan determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Roosevelt and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy. Annie is one of the most beloved musicals in history. Great show for families and groups!

November 19-22 at 7:00 pm

November 22, 1:00 pm matinee

Community Arts Center

Advance tickets \$5.00 per person

Tickets at the door \$6.00 per person (if available)

Purchase online or at P&R

## CORI CONNORS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday, December 1 at 7:30 pm

Community Arts Center

Advance Tickets \$8.00

## NOW SEEKING

Jr. Jazz Site Supervisors,  
Referees & Scorekeepers  
Apply at P&R

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come in your pj's and join Santa on a musical journey to the North Pole. Saturday, December 6 at 9:30 am

Breakfast served

\$5 per child / \$7 per adult

Reserve your seat online or at P&R

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG

Join the community in singing your favorite Christmas carols. Local families and singing groups will perform. Free hot chocolate and donuts and a special visitor for the kids! Tickets are free (necessary to reserve a seat) with the donation of canned food.

Monday, December 8 at 7:00 pm

Community Arts Center

## JUNIOR JAZZ BASKETBALL

Girls grades 3&4, 5&6, Jr. High;  
Boys grades 3&4, 5&6, 7&8, 9&10  
Early registration 10-20 thru 11-13  
(early registrants save \$10)  
\$60 resident / \$70 non-resident  
Parent coaches needed  
Contact P&R

## MEN'S BASKETBALL COMP LEAGUE

Registration December 1-5

\$350 per team

(team registration only)

Games start in January

## NOW SEEKING

Chess Instructor

Apply at P&R

## ANNOUNCING THE 2009 SEASON!

Some favorites include "Seussical Jr", "Joseph", and "The Mystery of Edwin Drood". Purchase season tickets before the end of 2008 for a substantial savings.

**Package A** includes all 6 shows  
\$55 before January 1

**Package B** includes 2 dinner theaters and the summer musical  
\$35 before January 1

**Package C** includes 2 youth theaters and the summer musical  
\$12 before January 1

Check online or call P&R for more details.

## NOW SEEKING

Directors, Producers and Event Coordinators for the 2009 Season and for the Storytelling Festival. If interested please contact [spaget601@aol.com](mailto:spaget601@aol.com)

## SCRAPBOOKING

Registration Now Open

## GUITAR

Registration Ongoing

## YOGA

Registration Ongoing

## CERAMICS

Registration Ongoing

# CLIFF KICE



*"We tell stories to call forth our humanity, bind ourselves to a greater community, and declare that an individual's values and perceptions still matter."*

Mark Bennion

Cliff Kice still has a southern drawl. He still longs for rolling open stretches of Kentucky's bluegrass and the wash of sunlight over sea-water breaking on a Florida beach. Not that he'd trade his cabin in the Uintahs or the life he and his wife Brenda have built within close reach of the mountains of Farmington. For Cliff, maybe that's the beauty of writing. Through fiction, he can travel the landscape of his childhood home or return to the mountains he loves. Guitar player, author, and aspiring beach bum, Cliff Kice is a resident who adds heart to the city of Farmington. We hope you enjoy sharing a bit of our recent conversation.

**Jill:** It's common to associate artistic dreams with youth. But your intense burst of writing began in your forties. What brought that on, do you think?

**Cliff:** Well, I've played [guitar] for 45 years, and that's what's really gotten me into the writing.

**Jill:** Really? How so?

**Cliff:** Back on November the 18th of 1998, I severed my wrist. Up at our cabin, up in the Uintahs, I was taking bark off these big logs for our mantelpiece. The blade went into the log and it hit a big knot and came out sideways. Like a snakebite, it went right through my wrist. It severed the artery, and it severed these two fingers, the tendons to them.

I've gone through therapy, but the difference playing guitar [since the accident] is that where I used to just play, now I have to think these two fingers to move. It really makes you think, when you're over thirty miles from the nearest hospital, and you're up in the mountains. I was losing blood quickly.

**Jill:** What a frightening experience. What a loss, too. So how did that experience lead you to begin writing?

**Cliff:** I went through about three or four months of real depression over it. I had played guitar for so many years. Brenda kept saying, be creative in another way. I didn't think a lot about it, just kept feeling sorry for myself. But right after 9/11, it was a Saturday and everybody was gone. So I went in and sat down at the computer and just started writing. An hour later, I read what I'd written and it was like, where did this come from? I had no idea.

**Jill:** Really? It started just like that?

**Cliff:** I don't take credit for any of it. This is just something that's been given to me to do. A lot of times Brenda will come down and say, "What comes next?" And I'll say, "I don't know. I absolutely don't know."

**Jill:** Is that challenging—dealing with the uncertainty of not knowing what comes next?

**Cliff:** I always said when I started writing, whatever comes to my mind is where I'm going to take the books. And when you do like that, it's like putting a puzzle together. I always tell people, you don't just write from page one to page 400. It's like putting a story together. It's a puzzle, with pieces.

**Jill:** You're obviously becoming very good at putting puzzles together! You've finished three novels and are writing a fourth. Where do you go from here?

**Cliff:** When I finished the third [novel], I started sending out packets to all the big publishing companies. I was thinking, somebody's going to pick me up. And of course I got 20 rejection letters. About six months ago, we just decided I don't want to wake up some day, you know, shoulda woulda coulda. Let's just see what we can do on our own.

**Jill:** And now you're the creator of Beach Bum Books. How did you come up with that?

**Cliff:** You know, I've always aspired to being a beach bum, and it just came to me: Beach Bum Books. It was like, "Man, that's good."

**Jill:** It really is. So what happens now?

**Cliff:** Who knows where you could take it? But all along, it's for the writing part of it.

To Cliff Kice, a hearty thank you from Farmington residents. We're grateful for your spirit of creativity and aspiration !

**WHAT AND WHERE AM I?**

Legacy trail bench detail



- Prepares annual budget in compliance of State Law and monitors expenditures to assure compliance [City Manager and Finance Director]
- Develop and propose policy recommendations to the City's Governing Body for consideration [City Manager]
- Review and recommend approval of city contracts and agreements [City Manager]
- Close out monthly and yearly financial records/prepare, maintain, and report financial records for the city [Finance Director]

## PLEASE REMEMBER

Farmington City ordinances state that from November 15 to February 29 no vehicle of any kind may be parked in the street right-of-way from 1:00 am to 7:00 am. Traffic citations will be issued to violators.

## TRANSPORTATION STUDY *final report*

The Davis Weber East-West Transportation Study final report is now posted on the study website. You can find the report at [www.utah.gov/daviswebereast-west/process.aspx](http://www.utah.gov/daviswebereast-west/process.aspx).

The report is focused on two sets of recommendations - a five-year priority list of transportation projects the legislature is encouraged to fund immediately, and a 30-year vision to match the preferred community character identified by open house, working group, and steering committee feedback.

This report came together with the help of wonderfully engaged citizens and citizen leaders, schools, city staff and elected officials, interest group representatives, and policymakers from the cities and counties in the study area. We are proud of this effort and grateful for your participation.

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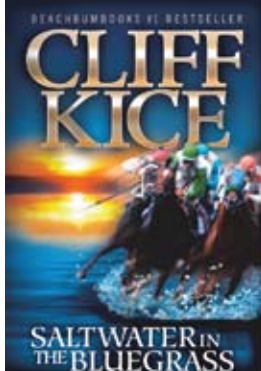


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**CLIFF KICE**  
**SALTWATER IN THE BLUEGRASS**

Beach Bum Books announces the debut of Cliff's new novel *Saltwater in the Bluegrass* at the official kickoff and book signing.

Davis Conference Center  
Layton (1651 N 700 W)  
Saturday, November 8th  
5:00 - 9:00 pm  
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also available at [www.beachbumbooks.com](http://www.beachbumbooks.com)

  
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